

State-Level Temporary Assistance for the HCTC National Emergency Grant (NEG) Bridge Program

Some states currently have temporary assistance programs for individuals who are potentially eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). This HCTC temporary assistance program, also called the National Emergency Grant (NEG) Bridge Program, pays 80% of individuals' health plan premiums while they are enrolling in the HCTC Program. This temporary assistance ends when individuals receive their first invoice from the HCTC Program. States may have other types of National Emergency Grants that are not the NEG Bridge Program.

If you are potentially eligible for the HCTC and live in one of the states listed below, contact your state to inquire about your eligibility for the state's temporary assistance for the HCTC.

State	Contact	Phone	Website
Alabama	Becca Webster, Alabama HCTC Program	1-866-644-3780	http://www.alhctc.info
Georgia	TAA staff	1-404-232-3672	NA
Illinois	Barb Huddleston, Mary Darnall	1-217-782-6333	NA
Kentucky	Melissa Wiley	1-502-564-7456	http://www.dtr.ky.gov/trade.htm
Maine	Maine Bureau of Employment Services – Maine HCTC Program	1-888-457-8883	http://www.mainecareercenter.com/jobseekers/
Maryland	Becca Webster, Maryland HCTC Program	1-877-341-7697	http://www.mdhctc.info
Mississippi	Becca Webster, Mississippi HCTC Program	1-877-341-2555	http://www.mshctc.info
New Hampshire	Jackie Heuser, Workforce Opportunity Council	1-603-229-3470	NA
North Carolina	Employment Security Commission – local offices have NEG/state HCTC Program information	Contact your local ESC office	http://www.ncesc.com
South Carolina	Becca Webster, South Carolina HCTC Program	1-888-341-7125	www.schctc.info
Utah	Jean Fisher, Department of Workforce Services	435-734-8711	http://jobs.utah.gov/hctc
Virginia	Valerie Jones, Virginia NEG Program Administrator	(804) 225-3053	NA
Washington	HCTC Coordinator	1-360-438-4000	http://fortress.wa.gov/esd/portal/
West Virginia	Elaine Huskins, Workforce Investment Specialist	1-304-558-7024	NA

Enrolling in the State's HCTC Temporary Assistance Program

Each state has a different registration process for individuals to enroll in the state's HCTC temporary assistance program. However, all states require that an individual:

- Be a PBGC recipient or Trade Adjustment Act certified (TAA), and
- Have qualified health insurance.

Most states require:

- A copy of the HCTC Candidate Letter (all potentially eligible individuals receive this in the mail with the HCTC Program Kit), and
- Proof of qualified health coverage (for example, a COBRA election letter or invoice from a state-qualified health plan).

If your state is listed below, it currently does **not** have a NEG Bridge Program. If you want to inquire about the future availability of a NEG Bridge Program in your state, you may call the U.S. Department of Labor toll-free at 1-877-US-2JOBS (877-872-5627).

State	Comment
Alaska	No NEG Bridge Program
Arizona	No NEG Bridge Program
Arkansas	No NEG Bridge Program
California	No NEG Bridge Program
Colorado	No NEG Bridge Program
Connecticut	No NEG Bridge Program
Delaware	No NEG Bridge Program
Florida	No NEG Bridge Program
Hawaii	No NEG Bridge Program
Idaho	No NEG Bridge Program
Indiana	No NEG Bridge Program
Iowa	No NEG Bridge Program
Kansas	No NEG Bridge Program
Louisiana	No NEG Bridge Program
Massachusetts	No NEG Bridge Program
Michigan	No NEG Bridge Program
Minnesota	No NEG Bridge Program
Missouri	No NEG Bridge Program
Montana	No NEG Bridge Program
Nebraska	No NEG Bridge Program
Nevada	No NEG Bridge Program
New Jersey	No NEG Bridge Program
New Mexico	No NEG Bridge Program
New York	No NEG Bridge Program
North Dakota	No NEG Bridge Program
Ohio	No NEG Bridge Program
Oklahoma	No NEG Bridge Program
Oregon	No NEG Bridge Program
Pennsylvania	No NEG Bridge Program
Rhode Island	No NEG Bridge Program
South Dakota	No NEG Bridge Program
Tennessee	No NEG Bridge Program
Texas	No NEG Bridge Program
Vermont	No NEG Bridge Program
Wisconsin	No NEG Bridge Program
Wyoming	No NEG Bridge Program